

What's Happening in Mrs. T's Room



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I yam what I yam, and that's all that I yam!! Popeye

Reading

Monday we will be starting our new novel titled **Chasing Vermeer**. Many of you asked me to purchase a book for you. I did get those over the Christmas break and even received a little teacher discount on them. The total cost, tax and all, for a copy of the book is \$7.00. Please send that with your child next week if you requested one from me.

Chasing Vermeer is a wonderful novel because it has pieces of real history mixed within the text. The students are going to be researching an unsolved mystery of their own and creating a Powerpoint presentation (Slide Rocket) to present to their peers. A copy of the Unsolved Mystery Rubric went home with your child this week. A PDF version of this file will be on Trubyville as well.

Math

We are cruising through our new math chapter dealing with fractions with unlike denominators. Everyone has quickly embraced this concept, and we will be finished with this unit in no time. We worked with manipulatives this week working towards understanding why fractions are fractions and how they correlate with one another. Check the "Important Dates" section for the date of our next test.

Chasing Choco

This week we were introduced to a mystery character named Choco. He is a chocolate monster that has stolen Mrs. Pixler's famous brownie recipe. We are going to be chasing Choco across the United states trying to catch him while learning how to navigate this great country using the highways and interstates. Ask your child where Choco went this week.

Science

Students became CSI agents this week when they had to solve a crime using Chromatography. A note was left on my desk, and the students had to determine which suspect wrote the note by deciding which water soluble pen was used. Look for more fun filled activities dealing with our mystery unit to come in the next few weeks.

Important Dates

- Next Week: Dailies 17, Spelling Unit 17
- Monday, January 19th – No School, Martin Luther King Jr. Day
- Wednesday, January 21st, Lower School Open House
- Thursday, January 22nd – Chapter 5 math test



Jack & Taylor are trying to solve the mystery of the naughty note.

Global Studies

This week we started on the road to the American Revolution. We created a time line and started watching a video that teaches about the important events leading up to the war.